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In re Application of :
Tuqiang NI et al :
Serial No. 09/689,616 : Group Art Unit: 1763
Filed: October 13, 2000 : Examiner: L. Mulero
For: VACUUM PLASMA PROCESSOR HAVING A CHAMBER WITH ELECTRODES
AND A COIL FOR PLASMA EXCITATION AND METHOD OF OPERATING
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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that the subject matter of the application including any and all alterations and amendments at any time effected therein, was part of my invention and was invented before I filed my original application for such invention; that I do not know and do not believe that same was ever known or used before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year before my application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year before the date of my application, that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any foreign country before the date of my application in the United States on any application filed by myself or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to my application in the United States, and has not been abandoned.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

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